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SOURCE Trybuna Ludu, No 283, 1949.SCORES MANAGEMENT OF SULFURIC ACID PLANT

The sulfuric acid factory in Gorny Slask is one of the very few factories which have not yet made the transition to socialist economy, have not introduced planning, and do not know how to build a unified and flexible organization working toward the fulfillment of the plan and for an increase in production. Plan fulfillment data given below for the first 10 [sic] months of 1949 verify the above facts: January 56 percent, February 42, March 54, April 121, May 104, June 88, July 87, August 85, and September 87 percent. Only twice within the 10 months was the plan exceeded.

Working conditions at the factory are deplorable. The factory reminds one of a large, littered, foul-smelling hovel rather than a manufacturing plant. The ground floor has no flooring. The clay soil is saturated with acid and every few steps one has to jump over puddles of dirty water. Wooden stairs and galleries on the first, second, and third floors are rotted and full of holes. Acid drips everywhere, ruining clothes and causing flesh burns. Small windows from which panes were removed are the only source of ventilation. Even the most primitive sanitary facilities are lacking. Acid and rust corrode everything -- tanks, towers, foundations, machines, equipment, etc.

Safety precautions are entirely foreign to the place. Labor competition is completely absent. There is a party organization, factory council, and management at the factory, but no interest is shown in working conditions and production.

Since 1948, the factory has had seven general managers. Each of the seven managers made repair plans but not one has been carried out, and production has declined. Favorable results in April and May were a result of reduced quotas.

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Constant changes in management and periods without supervision naturally reduce the work norm. However, the secretaries of the party organization, Opalski and Pieleesz, the party activists, and the factory council, of which Tuszyński is the chairman, should have come to the aid of the factory.

Last June it was said that the 1949 investments were incorrectly estimated and could not be carried out. In July, at an executive meeting of the party, it was resolved to mobilize the workers to fulfill the plan but nothing more has been done.

On 15 October, a new manager is to replace Karpiel, the present manager.

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